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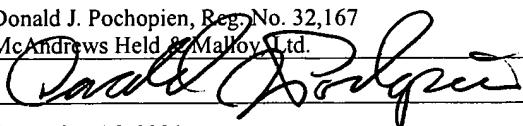


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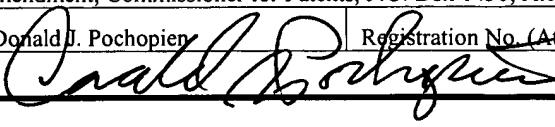
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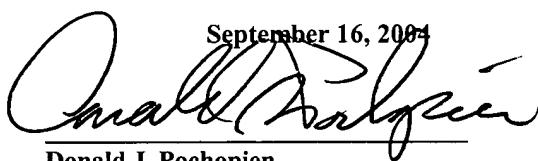
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 03/16/04, for which a Response was due 06/18/04, now extended three (3) months to 09/16/04, the Applicants hereby request the entry of the following amendments before consideration of the arguments on the merits.

Amendments to the specification:	pages 2-8
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